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SUP. WEST HOSTS COMMUNITY JUSTICE RESOURCE CENTER OPEN HOUSE

"Where Hope Blooms, Change Happens"

Milwaukee, WI – Milwaukee County Supervisors Peggy A. West, Elizabeth M. Coggs and Chairman Lee Holloway are inviting all Milwaukee County residents to an open house at the Milwaukee County Community Justice Resource Center this Friday. The theme of the event is, "Where Hope Blooms, Change Happens." Supervisor West will be on hand, along with Inspector Richard Schmidt from the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office, District Attorney John Chisholm, Attorney Paige Styler from the Public Defender's Office, and Kit Murphy-McNally of the Benedict Center.

"This unique facility helps offenders make the transition back to the community," said Supervisor West, 2nd Vice-Chair of the County Board and Chair of the Health & Human Needs Committee. "This is also a tool that Milwaukee County uses to reduce the burden on tax payers. If we are able to prevent individuals from re-offending, everyone benefits."

"The testimony I have heard as Chair of the Task Force on Work Reform for Men is that these individuals want to get back to work for the good of their families. This facility gives them a big step forward in that regard," Supervisor Coggs added.

Community Justice Resource Center Open House

Friday, January 30, 2009

Noon – 3:00 p.m.

1673 South 9th Street (Lower Level), Milwaukee, WI

"The Community Justice Resource Center is a cost effective, community-based alternative to incarceration," Chairman Lee Holloway said. "This facility is designed to give offenders the skills necessary to effectively re-enter society." The Resource Center provides daily surveillance and supervision, rewards positive behaviors and immediately enforces sanctions for negative behavior, and provides a network of resources to all offenders, including fatherhood, community service, basic education and nutrition.

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